in the year 2003, Indian Olympic Association (IOA) had projected an expenditure of Rs.399.05 crore. Besides, the cost of construction of Games Village was projected as Rs.186.00 crore. The cost of construction of indoor & outdoor stadium in the Yamuna Sports Complex and upgradation of existing infrastructure of the Delhi Development Authority was projected as Rs.32.50 crore. However, these estimates are further likely to be revised upwards.

Construction of swimming pool at Shimoga

3860. SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the proposal for construction of swimming pool at Nehru Stadium at Shimoga is pending with Government;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) by when the final decision would be taken?

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI SUNIL DUTT): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The proposal for Swimming Pool at Nehru Stadium, Shimoga District, Karnataka was examined and was found deficient in terms of the prescribed norms of the Scheme of Grants for Creation of Sports Infrastructure. State Government was informed on 16.12.2002 to reformulate the proposal.

(c) The above said Centrally Sponsored Scheme has been transferred to State sector w.e.f. 1.4.2005. The State Governments shall henceforth entirely fund the construction of sports facilities.

Commonwealth Games

3861. SHRI RAJU PARMAR: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Commonwealth Games are being held in New Delhi in 2010;

(b) if so, the steps that are being taken for the preparation of the games and whether any Core Committee have been constituted by Government for making necessary arrangements;

(c) whether Government are planning to associate international experts